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CITY FACILITIES CLOSING AT 2:00PM, ALABAMA POWER INFO, & STORM SHELTERS

Citizens of Anniston, please be aware of the significant threat of severe storms that are expected throughout today (03/17/21) through early Thursday morning. The threat of severe weather appears to begin early this afternoon, and potentially last until sunrise Thursday morning. Two waves of severe storms appear likely - the first during this afternoon with discrete cells, then a line of severe storms will move across the area during the evening and overnight hours. Possible threats include: (1.) Strong, long-track tornadoes (2.) Damaging winds up to 80mph and (3.) Tennis ball size hail.

CITY FACILITIES CLOSING AT 2:00PM

In light of this weather, please know that all City of Anniston facilities will promptly close at 2:00PM today (03/17/21). This includes all community centers, parks, golf courses, and the Anniston Museums and Gardens' facilities as well. All city facilities will reopen Thursday (03/18/21) at their regular times.

ALABAMA POWER INFO.

In preparation for potential severe weather, Alabama Power urges families to stay safe by reviewing their emergency plans, staying weather aware and following the direction of local emergency management authorities.

- Alabama Power customers are encouraged to sign up for Outage Alerts for real-time updates on outages and restoration by texting 'Enroll' to 272688 or go to AlabamaPower.com/Alerts.
- Report your outage online at alabamapower.com. You can also call the automated reporting system at 1-800-888-APCO (2726). You may also contact Alabama Power's customer service line at 800-245-2244
- Turn off or unplug appliances to avoid any potential safety hazards when power is restored.
- Stay away from downed lines. Do not drive over lines or under low-hanging lines. Keep children and pets away from downed lines. Do not attempt to remove tree limbs or anything else caught in power lines. Stay clear of fallen trees or debris where downed lines may be hidden. Call Alabama Power at 1-800-888-2726 or contact local law enforcement if you see downed lines.
- Learn more to help you and your family prepare before storms by visiting the Alabama Power Storm Center.

STORM SHELTER LOCATIONS

Lastly, please refer to the Calhoun County EMA's website for Storm Shelter information, found here:

<http://www.calhounema.org/shelters>. A list of all of our county's storm shelter locations may also be viewed below:

STORM SHELTER LOCATIONS	
Jacksonville Public Safety Complex 911 Public Safety Dr. Jacksonville, AL 36265	Oxford Saferoom-DeArmanville 52 DeArmanville Rd, Oxford, AL 36203
Webster's Chapel 1552 AP Hollingsworth Rd, Wellington	Piedmont Saferoom 700 Tom Bible Highway, Piedmont, AL 36272 (also known as AL HWY 200)
White Plains Saferoom 12900 Highway 9, Piedmont, AL	Oxford Saferoom-DeArmanville 52 DeArmanville Rd, Oxford, AL 36203
Ohatchee Saferoom 2440 Harts Ferry Rd Ohatchee, AL	Thankful Park - Anniston 3162 14th S West, Anniston, AL 36201
Oxford Saferoom-Bynum 2011 Bynum Blvd, Eastaboga, AL	Saks High School 4401 Saks Rd, Anniston, AL 36206